

Board



Briefs

August 7, 2017

Committee of the Whole Meeting

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Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes personnel, stipends, board bills, and meeting minutes.

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Action Items

Social and Emotional Learning Grant from Rockefeller Philanthropy

The Board voted to accept a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) grant from Rockefeller Philanthropy in the amount of \$4,800 for the Bridge program. The Bridge program provides young adults ages 18-21 who have individual education plans (IEPs) with education intervention, services, and supports designed to increase student success in the post-secondary environment at the College of DuPage.

Actively Learn Contract

The Board voted to approve a contract in the amount of \$34,400 for Actively Learn, a digital literacy tool that allows teachers to make reading accessible to multiple ability levels. Assistant Superintendent for Academics Pam Bylsma provided details regarding the features of the tool and how its use will enhance instructional support for students by implementing research-based, engaging literacy strategies. Grant funds will be used to pay for this tool.

Parchment Contract

The Board voted to approve a contract with Parchment, an online transcript reporting service. There is no cost to District 86. The service will be used for alumni transcripts only and alumni will pay a \$3.15 processing fee per transcript to have their transcript sent electronically. Fees are slightly higher for transcripts sent by mail.

Board

President's Report

Board President Bill Carpenter did not have a report but remarked that the school buildings were getting into good shape with the start of the school year quickly approaching. The first day for all students is Wednesday, August 16.

Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Chair Kevin Camden presented the July 19 Finance Committee meeting minutes to the Board. The minutes will come back for approval at the August 21 meeting.

Administration

Superintendent

School Funding Update

As announced July 10, Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law provided the Board with a school funding update. So far, Springfield has yet to enact an evidence-based funding model for the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to release funds to schools by August 10. It is unclear at this time what Springfield will do, when the money owed schools will be released and/or how any proposed legislation such as SB 1, the mechanism to fund schools, would ultimately impact the District's budget and students.

Because there have been reports in the media about schools not opening on time due to the funding impasse in Springfield, on Tuesday, August 8, Dr. Law sent a letter to all school parents notifying them that D86 schools will open on time and stay open for the duration of the 17-18 school year.

Any updates by Dr. Law about the impact of new and proposed Springfield legislation to District 86 can be found on the District website at this link:

<http://d86.hinsdale86.org/Page/1125>.

Public Option Research Firm RFP

The Board discussed awarding RFP 18-007 to Public Opinion Strategies in an amount not to exceed \$52,000. The Board of Education asked staff to solicit proposals for a public opinion research consultant to gather data to understand the views of the District 86 community on balancing the student population between its two high schools. The item will come back for a vote at the August 21 meeting.

Athletics and Activities Fee Schedules

Following the Board's June 19 approval of fees for competitive/performance activities and athletics, Dr. Law presented a list of all the co-curricular clubs indicating which activities will charge a fee for participation. All athletics teams will charge a fee for participation. The list of activities with a fee can be found [here](#).

Human Resources

Certified Staff Hiring 17-18 School Year

Chief Human Resources Officer Domenico Maniscalco presented to the Board a report on the status of certified staff hiring for the 17-18 school year. With Board approval of recommended hires at the August 7 meeting, all certified staff positions will be filled for the first day of school August 16 except for a .4 FTE vacancy in math at Central as a result of a resignation that occurred August 4. Efforts are already underway to fill the .4 vacancy.

Business

Financial Reports June 2017

Chief Financial Officer Josh Stephenson presented to the Board the financial reports for June 2017. The June financials close out the fiscal year and this report includes the fiscal year-end financial position of the District and explains the variances to the forecast and budget over the fiscal year.

In all, the District had a deficit of \$1.3 million for fiscal year 2017. As the report shows, unbudgeted referendum and copier lease buyout expenses, a shortfall in revenue, and accruals account for \$823,258 of the deficit. The biggest single impact to the deficit is the District's write down of \$595,827 as an investment loss from the District's March 2014 investment in the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) due to fraud perpetrated against the fund.

Treasury Reports June 2017

Because there was only one Board meeting early in the month of July, Mr. Stephenson provided the Board with the June 2017 Treasury reports.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Future Board Meetings

August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Hinsdale South High School
Facilities Committee Meeting

August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Hinsdale South High School
Regular Action Meeting

September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday)

Hinsdale Central High School
Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Hinsdale Central High School
Regular Action Meeting